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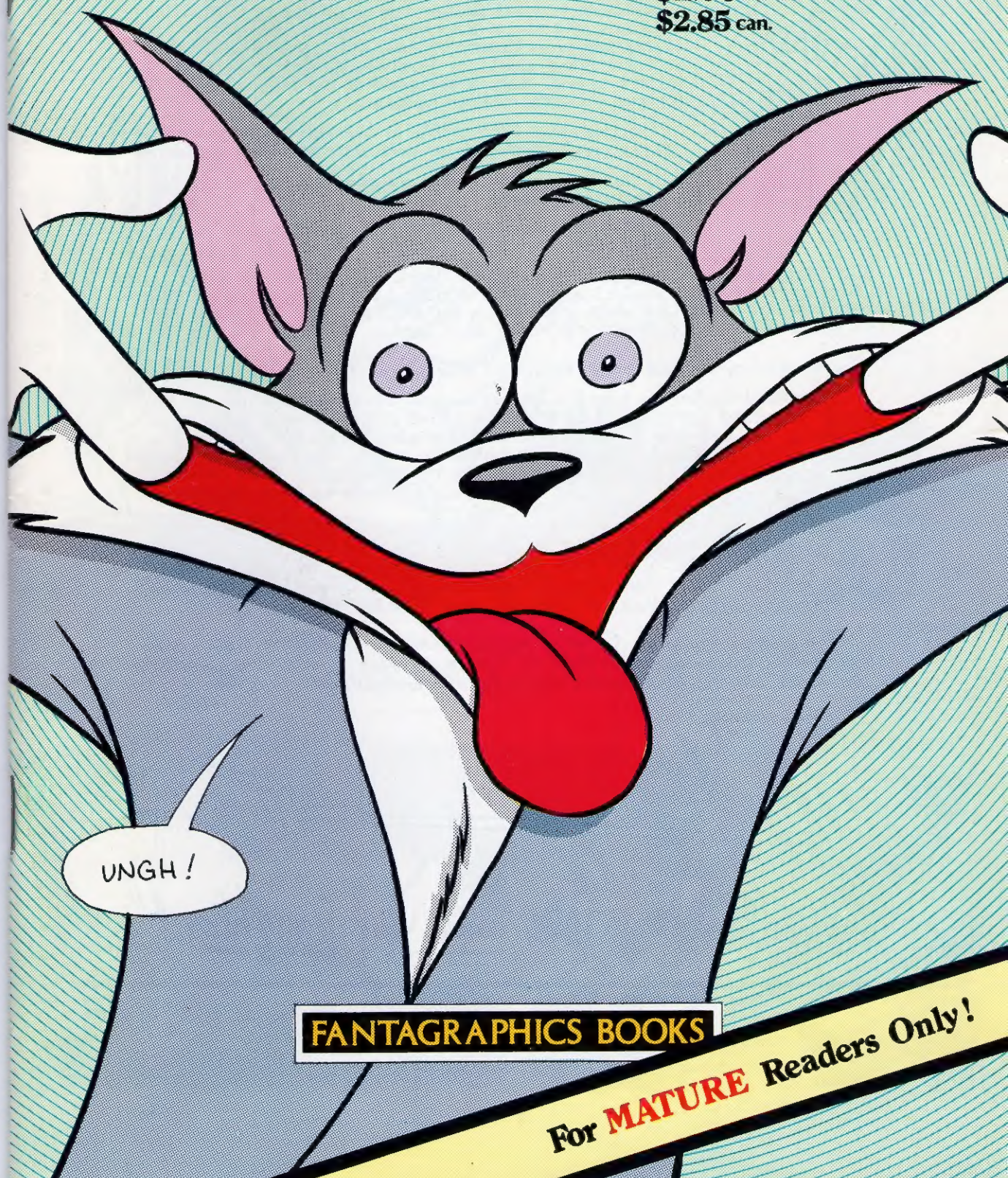

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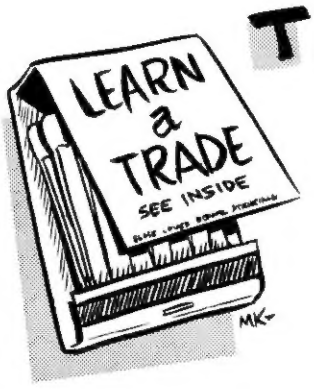


There's never been anything wrong with the trade school business. These institutions make it possible for any individual with brains enough to open a matchbook to qualify for top level executive positions. As more and more people made the migration from their dull, low paying jobs and into the exciting world of business, factories and farms were slowly stripped away to make room for new luxury office suites.

By the year 2250, 98% of the American work force was employed in top management positions.

Trouble was, they had no goods or services to render anymore.

At first nobody noticed because, after all, it's the paper work that keeps a business going.

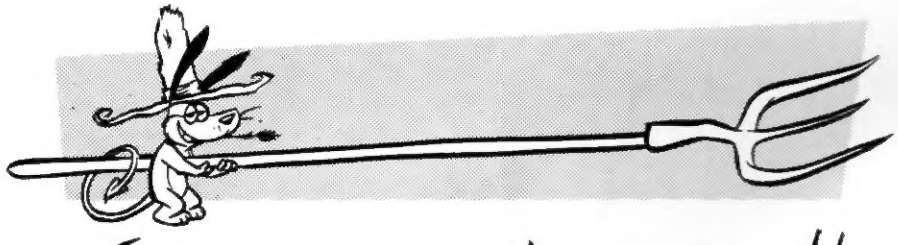
But when the bars began closing their doors, they began to worry. At first, they turned to southeast Asia, traditionally a source of cheap labor, but gave up the idea when they found that the Koreans and Taiwanese had begun printing their own match books.

So America turned once again to the stars.

Automated factories were built on the moon. Distant planets were selected for their climates for the purpose of farming. On each planet the most hospitable area was chemically treated to promote plant growth. New machinery was developed that would allow the entire operation to be run by just one man. New matchbooks were made up offering these farms to anyone willing to run them.

It was then that a young Fred Avery Ringtail decided to make his career move. With his wife and four-year old daughter, they packed their few meager belongings and headed off into deep space, leaving behind friends and family.

The scene is now twenty years later, and Captain Jack has recently taken up the task of trucking the fruits and vegetables of Fred's labors. And so we begin our tale entitled:



"Farmer Fred, I'm in Love with your Daughter!"

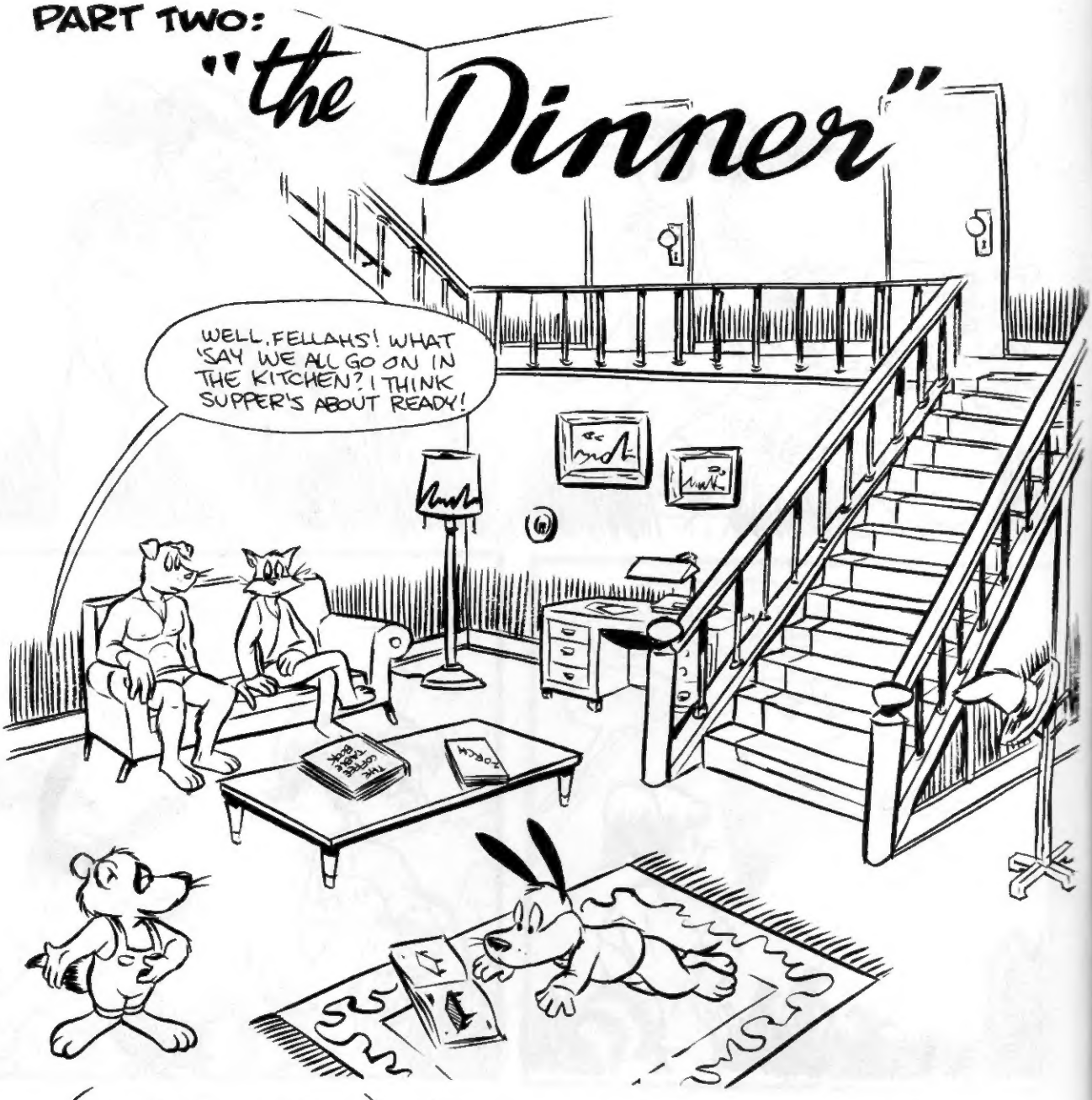
PART ONE:

"the Arrival"

MEET M' DAUGHTER, CAP! - NAME'S JANET.
HI.
-AND THIS IS MY CREW, ADAM FINK AND HERMAN FELDMAN.
HELLO.
HI.
HI.
HOWDY.
I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE THE ONLY PEOPLE ON THE PLANET, IS THAT SO?
YEP. JES' ME AND MY DAUGHTER. THAT'S HOW IT'S BEEN SINCE WE LOST HER MOTHER REST 'ER SOUL..
..SHE WAS A FINE WOMAN. BUT 'TWAS THE LORD COME TOOK HER AWAY...
..BUT I AM THANKFUL I'VE GOT MY PRECIOUS FLOWER HERE TO TAKE CARE OF ME. YESSIR!
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY, WOULD YOU PRINCESS?
(SIGH) OF COURSE NOT, PAW...

THASS MY GIRL.
SLAP!
LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE HOUSE. YOU FOLKS MUST BE TIRED AFTER YOUR LONG TRIP.
GEE...
..I BET IT'S FUN LIVING ON A FARM, HUH?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT SHORTSTUFF. IT'S A LOAD OF LAUGHS!
HA HA!

PART TWO: "the Dinner"



HERE YOU GO, MR. JACK.
THANK YOU.
AND FOR YOU, ADAM..
GEE, I'M SORRY MISS, BUT I DON'T EAT.
DON'T EAT, HUH? I SUPPOSE YOU RUN ON BATTERIES..
WELL, YEAH. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO!
HOW ABOUT YOU, HERMAN? DO YOU EAT?
YES'M! I LIKE TO EAT. I LOVE FOOD.

DELIGHTFUL MEAL, MY FLOWER. ALMOST LIKE YOUR MOTHER'S...
HERMAN! WHAT'S WITH YOU? YOU'VE HARDLY TOUCHED YOUR MEAL!
WELL, UM.... WHAT IS IT? I'VE NEVER SEEN FOOD LIKE THIS BEFORE..
IT'S PEAS AND RICE AND ZUCCHINI WITH TOMATOES!
-YOU HEAR THAT?! IT'S REAL FOOD Y'TWIT! SHEESH!
YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE HIM, MISS. I'M AFRAID ALL THAT DEHYDRATED SPACE-FOOD HAS RUINED HIS TASTE!
SIGH!

HEY, HERM! YA STARTED WITHOUT ME!
HIYA, BUB.

YOU CAN HAVE MY DINNER, I'M NOT VERY HUNGRY...
WELL, THANK YOU HERMAN...

..I THINK MAYBE I WILL HELP MYSELF TO SOME OF THOSE PEAS!

I COULD JUST CHEW NAILS! IF ONE MORE DAMN THING HAPPENS I'M GONNA SCREAM!

POP!

WHO-DID-THAT?!

ALRIGHT, FUN BOY! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF PASTIN' ME WIF 'AT PEA?!
JANET! PUT THAT MAN DOWN! MR. FELDMAN WOULDN'T HIT YOU WITH A PEA!
I DI'NT! HONEST TO GOD I DIN'T!
YOU SEE? NOW PUT HIM DOWN!

KLUNK

JANET!!!

ALRIGHT! ALRIGHT! BUT IF HE PULLS ANYTHING ELSE, I SWEAR I'LL KILL HIM! SO HELP ME!

CAPTAIN! WOULD YOUR HERMAN DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

OF COURSE NOT! HE'S A FINE LAD!
POP!

THAT TEARS IT!
I'M GONNA ANNIHILATE YOU YA LITTLE...

LEGGO! ALL I'M GONNA DO IS MURDER THE LITTLE SQUIRT! PUT ME DOWN!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TOUCH HIM, SO JUST SETTLE DOWN!

I'M ASHAMED OF YOU, YOUNG LADY! STOP THIS INSTANT OR I'LL HAVE TO TAN YOUR LITTLE FANNY!

GO TO HELL! ALL OF YOU! IF I EVER GET THAT SHRIMP ALONE, I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS!

(SOB)

HONESTLY... I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THAT GIRL LATELY..
RODNEY SLATER IN CONCERT
VIV STANSHAL

PARTICLE Dreams

Some things are dangerous, y'know?

PART THREE:

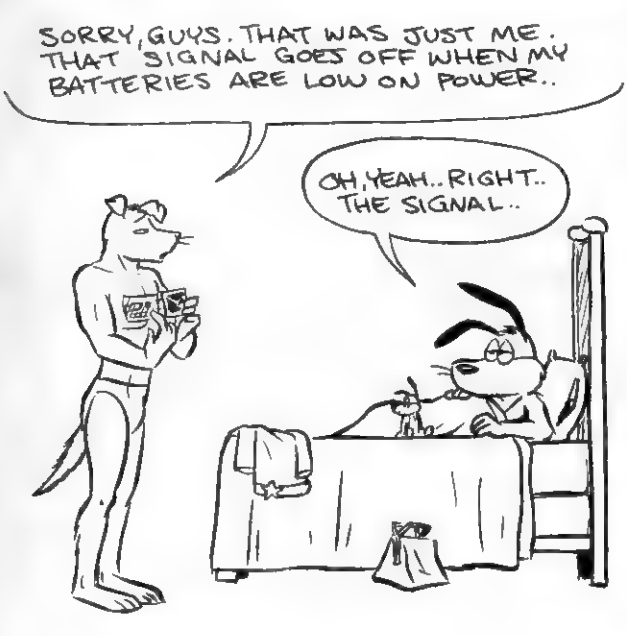
"the Morning After"

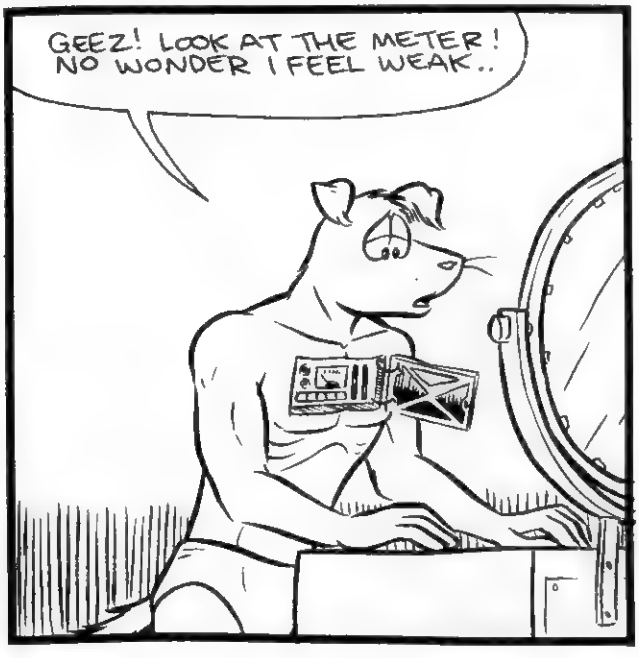
WE GOTTA START RIGHT AWAY... NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST. I'LL BRING US SOME APPLES TO MUNCH ON, THOUGH.
HANG ON, I WANNA LEAVE A NOTE..
OKAY! LET'S GO!

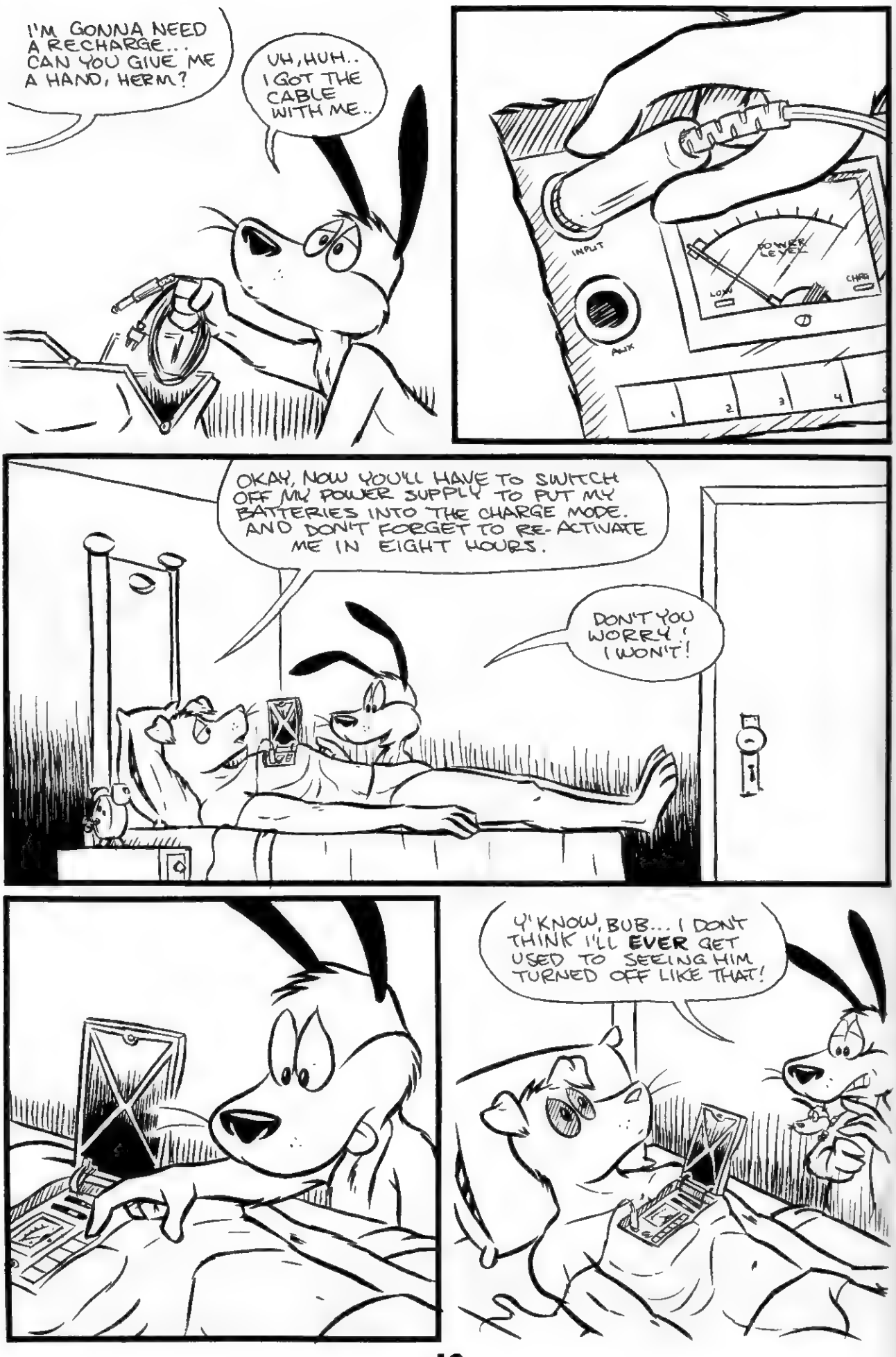
BEEP
BEEP
WHY BE STUPID?
CHARLES HATLESS
Before
After
15 MINUTES A DAY!

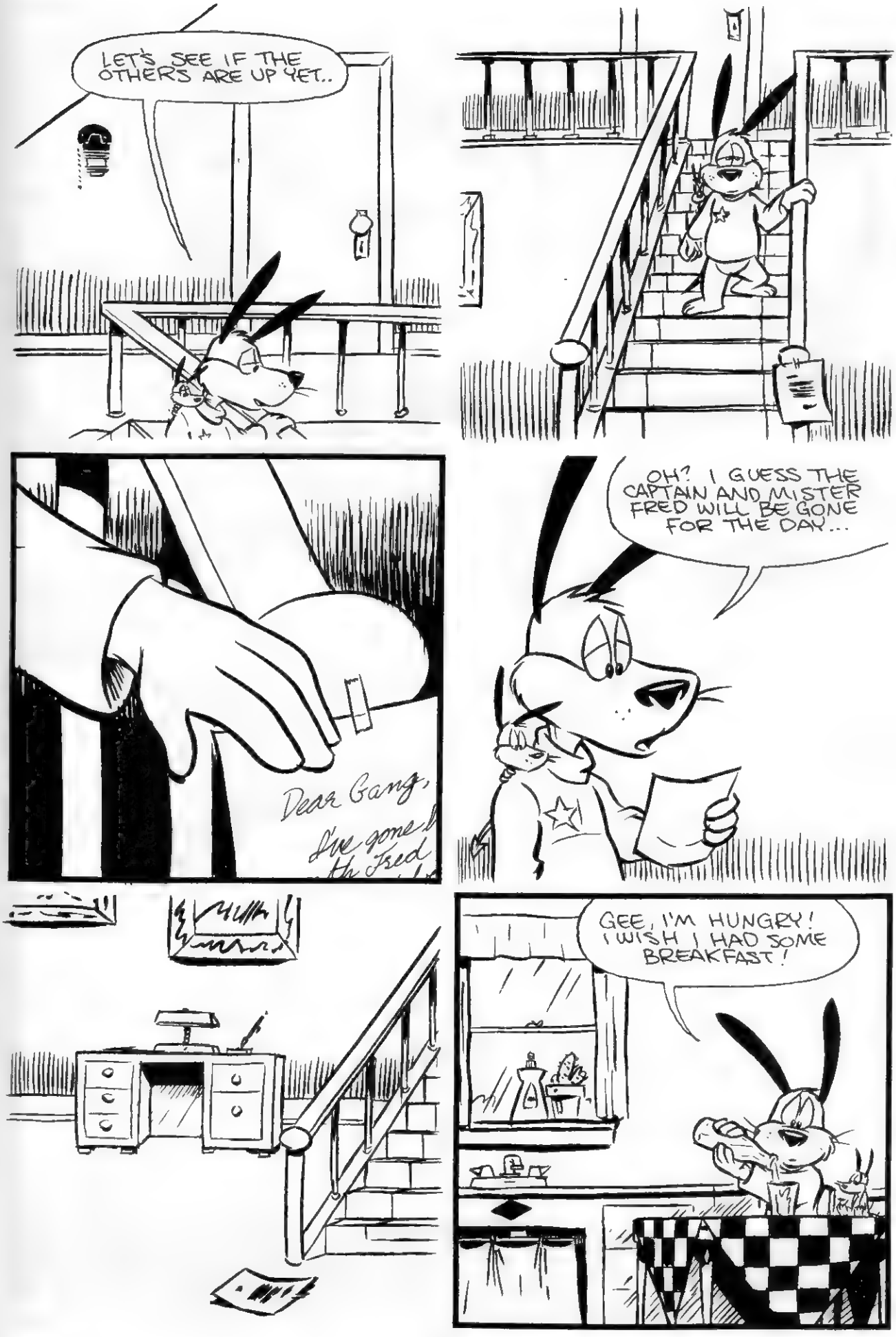
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

CRISSAKES, BUB! DID YOU PUT ON THE ALARM CLOCK?
IT'S NOT THE CLOCK. IT'S GOT A BELL!

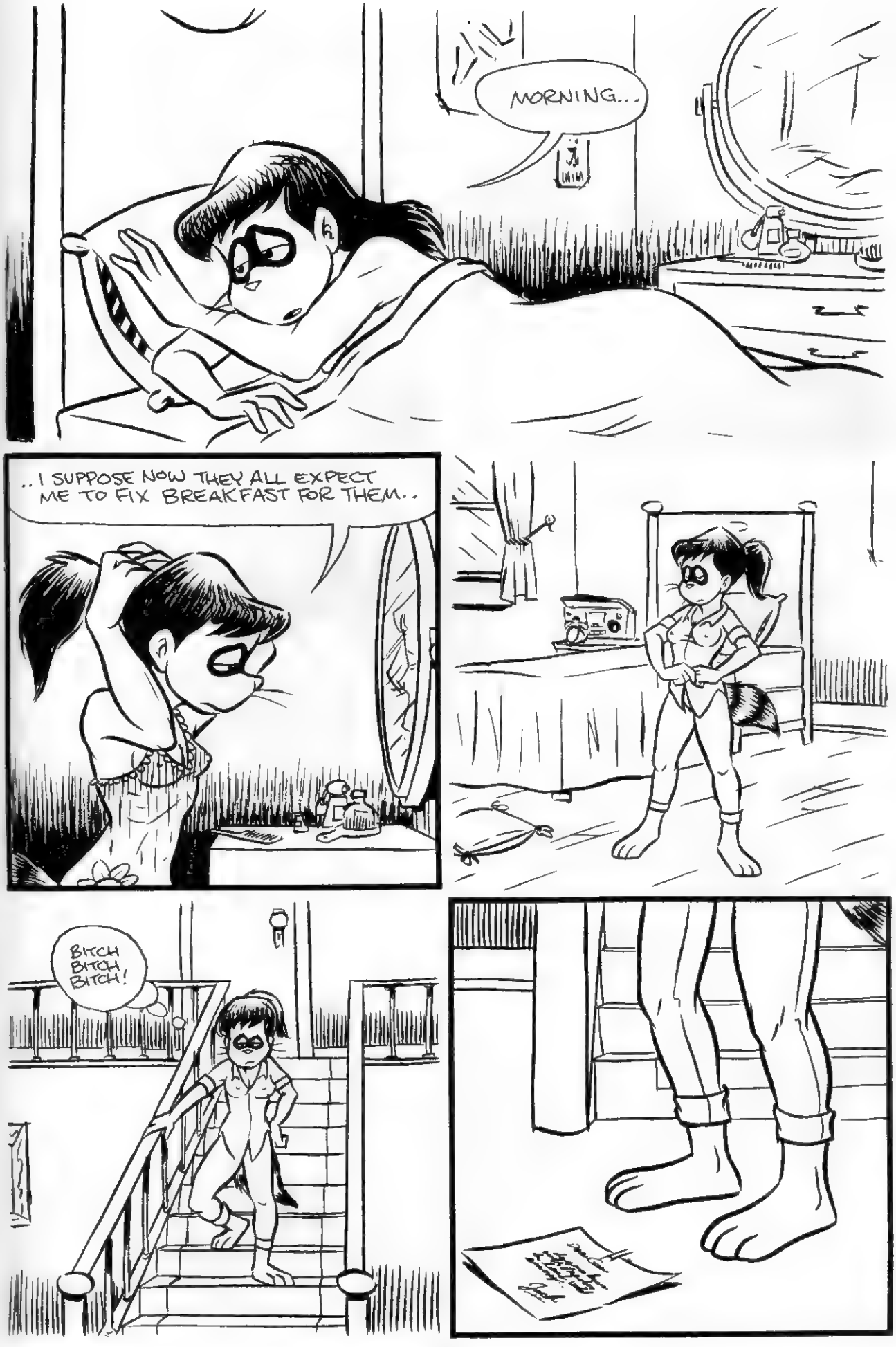

SORRY, GUYS. THAT WAS JUST ME. THAT SIGNAL GOES OFF WHEN MY BATTERIES ARE LOW ON POWER..
OH, YEAH.. RIGHT.. THE SIGNAL..


GEEZ! LOOK AT THE METER! NO WONDER I FEEL WEAK..


I'M GONNA NEED A RECHARGE... CAN YOU GIVE ME A HAND, HERM?
UH, HUH.. I GOT THE CABLE WITH ME..
INPUT
POWER LEVEL
LOW
CHRG
AUX
1
2
3
4
OKAY, NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO SWITCH OFF MY POWER SUPPLY TO PUT MY BATTERIES INTO THE CHARGE MODE. AND DON'T FORGET TO RE-ACTIVATE ME IN EIGHT HOURS.
DON'T YOU WORRY! I WON'T!
Y'KNOW, BUB... I DON'T THINK I'LL **EVER** GET USED TO SEEING HIM TURNED OFF LIKE THAT!


LET'S SEE IF THE OTHERS ARE UP YET..
Dear Gang,
OH? I GUESS THE CAPTAIN AND MISTER FRED WILL BE GONE FOR THE DAY...
GEE, I'M HUNGRY! I WISH I HAD SOME BREAKFAST!

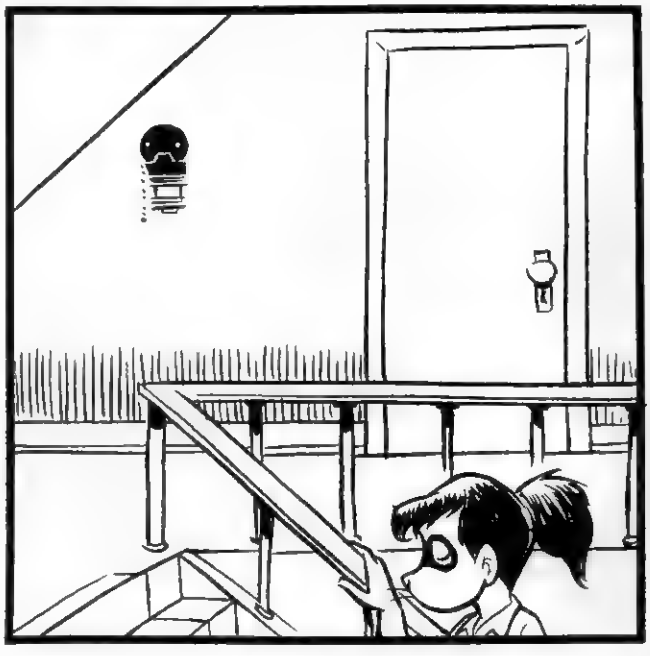
DON'T WORRY, HERM! WHEN JANET COMES DOWN, SHE'LL FIX YOU UP A TREAT!
HUH? OH, RIGHT. WHEN JANET COMES DOWN SHE'LL...
SPLUT!
KAPF!
HRRRMPH!
GAK!
OMIGOSH! SHE'LL FIX ME UP A TREAT ALL RIGHT! THEY LEFT ME ALONE WITH JANET! ALONE WITH A FEMALE WHO WANTS TO KILL ME!!
C'MON, BUB! WE GOTTA GET AS FAR FROM HERE AS POSSIBLE!!


MORNING...
..I SUPPOSE NOW THEY ALL EXPECT ME TO FIX BREAKFAST FOR THEM..
BITCH BITCH BITCH!

-LOOKS LIKE THERE'LL ONLY BE TWO JOINING ME FOR BREAKFAST..

..THIS TIME, THEY'RE GONNA EAT WHAT I COOK!

SIGH!



C'MON YOU TWO! BREAKFAST! LETS RISE AND SHINE!

HEY! C'MON! GET..
EEEEP!!
OH, MY GOD!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! HE'S A... HE'S JUST A MACHINE! A MACHINE! I GUESS HE WASN'T JOKING WHEN HE MADE THAT CRACK ABOUT THE BATTERIES..
..BUT WHERE'S HIS LITTLE FRIEND? HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AROUND..

HERMAN, JUST HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO STAY UP HERE?
'TILL THE CAPTAIN COMES BACK! YOU HEARD WHAT JANET SAID! SHE SAID SHE'D KILL ME IF SHE GOT ME ALONE.

DON'T BE AN IDIOT! SHE'S NOT GONNA KILL YOU!
JUST THE SAME, I'D FEEL BETTER IF ADAM WAS HERE..

WHAT'S SHE GOT AGAINST ME? I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING..
?

SHE HATES ME! SHE HATES ME, AND I DON'T KNOW WHY!
-TROOTH BE KNOWN, THOUGH, I WAS KINDA HOPING SHE'D LIKE ME...
...I MEAN, I WISH SHE'D **REALLY** LIKE ME.. YOU KNOW! I THINK SHE'S A VERY ATTRACTIVE WOMAN..

YOU KNOW I AIN'T THE TYPE THAT GOES AROUND CHASING GIRLS, BUT SHE'S DIFFERENT SOMEHOW..
SHE SEEMS TO ME TO BE A VERY HONEST AND SENSITIVE PERSON..
.. A VERY WARM AND BEAUTIFUL PERSON.
BUT SHE HATES ME! SHE JUST HATES ME!
HERMAN! IT'S ME, I..
CUSHLAMOCHREE! I'VE BEEN FOUND!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M NOT GONNA..
K-KEEP YOUR DISTANCE! I DON'T WANNA BE KILT!
WAIT!

DAMN YOU! STOP RUNNING!
NO!

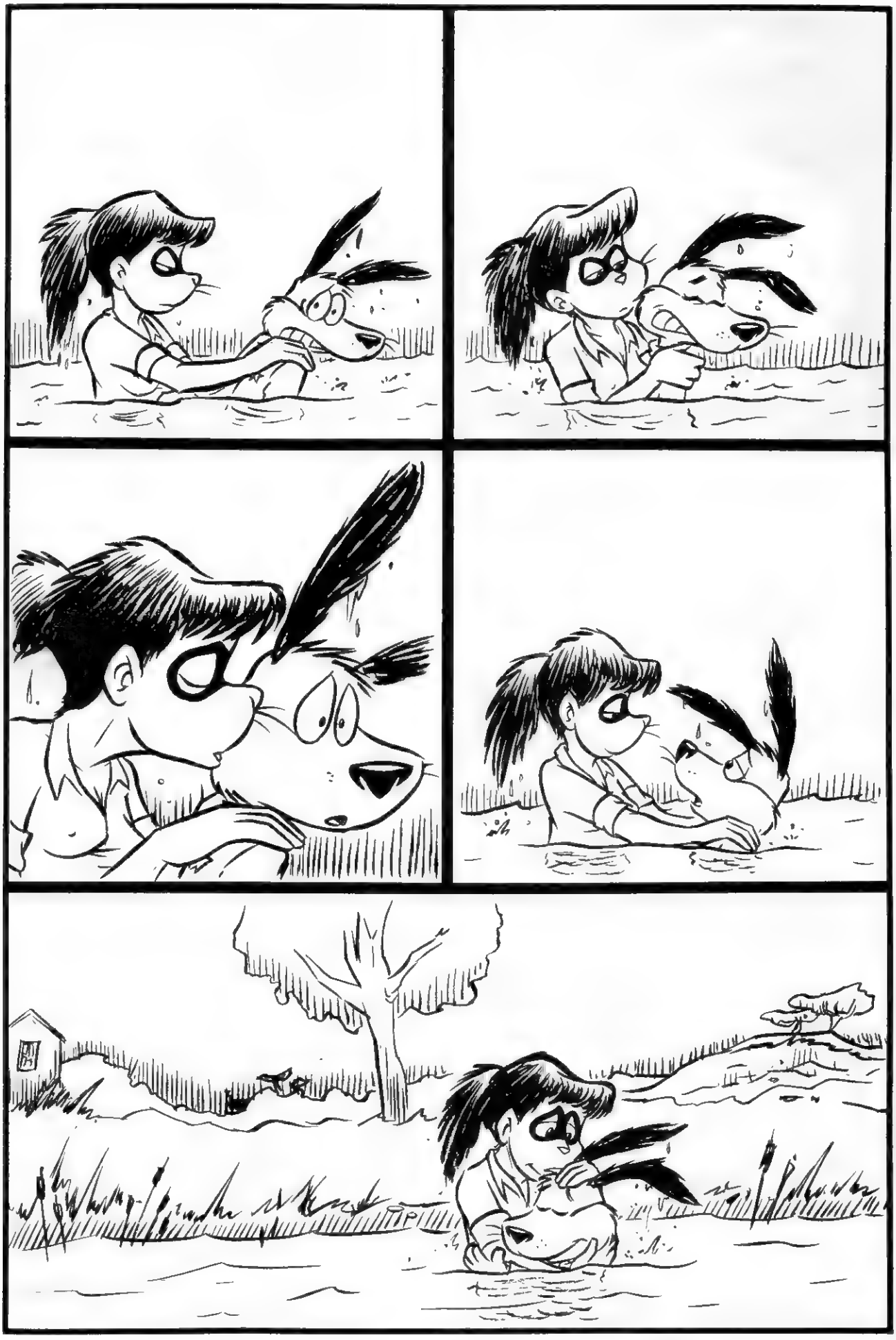
STOPPIT, YOU BASTARD!

GOOD GRIEF! SHE'S REALLY TEARIN' AFTER HIM! YOU DON'T THINK SHE'D ACTUALLY.... :GULP!:
NAW! THAT'D BE SILLY!
WOULDN'T IT?

OR WOULD IT?! MAYBE I'D BETTER GET ADAM! I JUST HOPE HE'S HAD TIME ENOUGH TO 'CHARGE UP!
-ME AND MY PRANKS! SHEESH!

WILLYA WAIT UP?!
UH, UH!

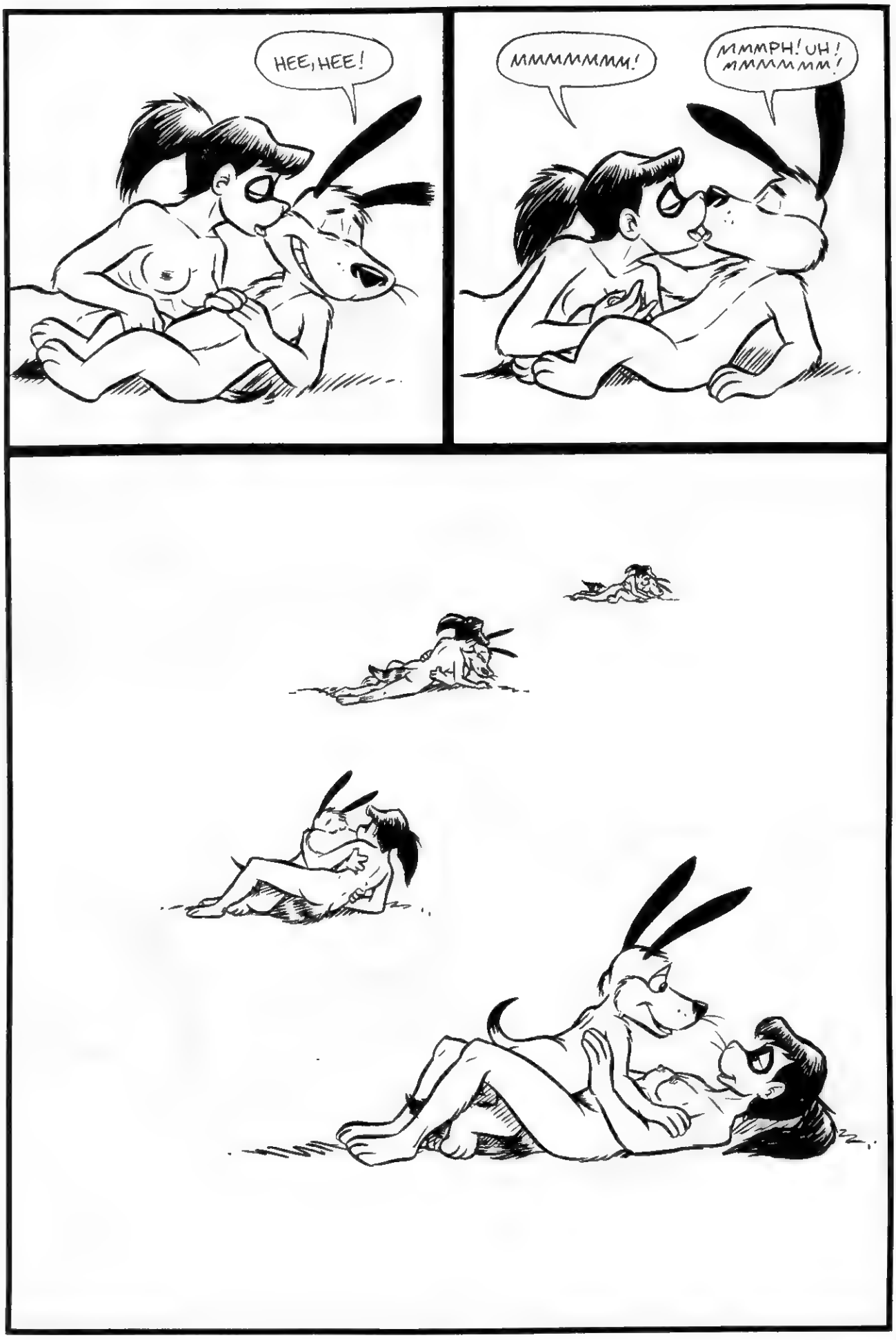
I SAID "WAIT", DAMMIT!

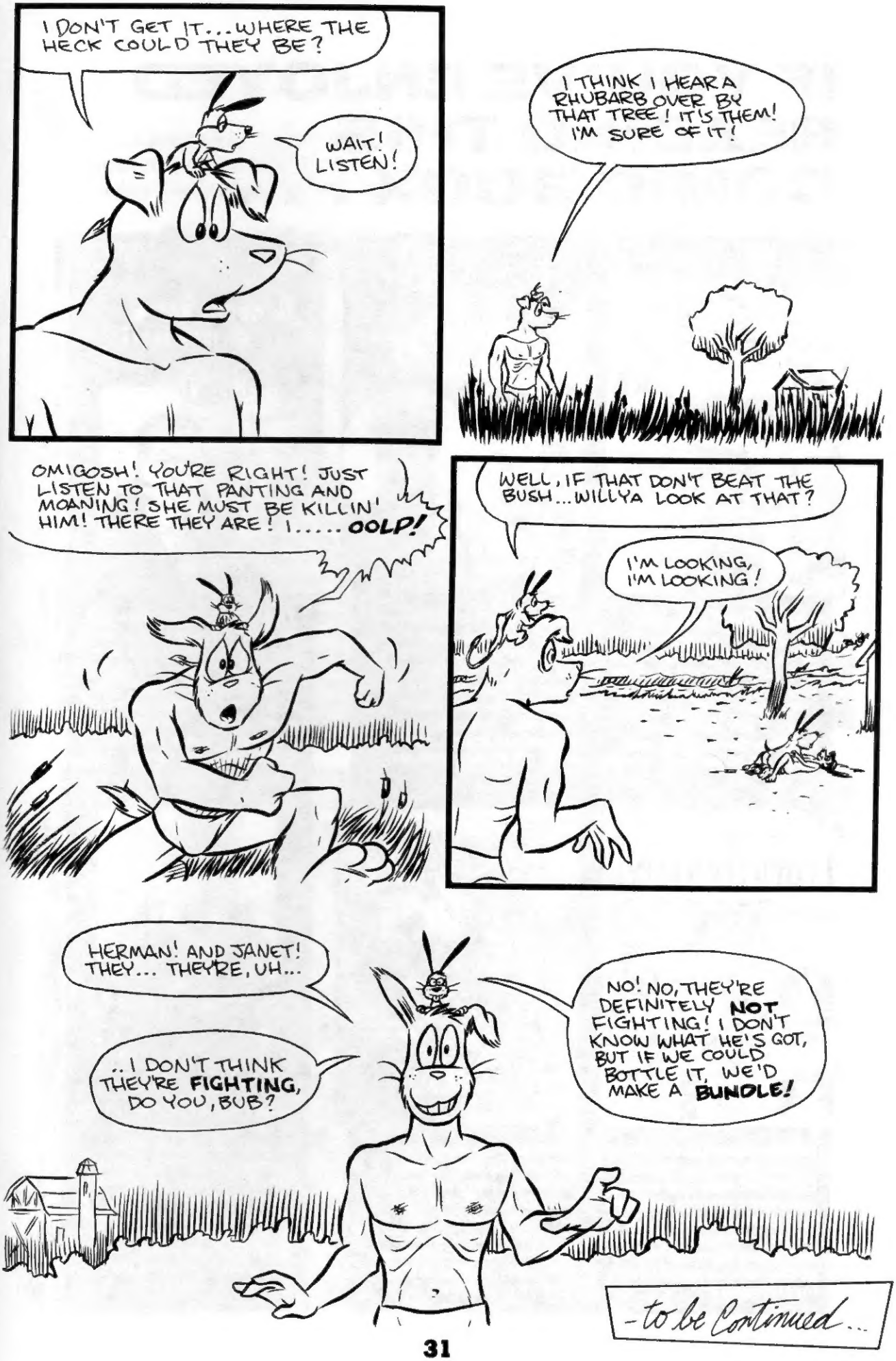


I HOPE I CAN REMEMBER HOW TO START THIS MUG UP AGAIN... LET'S SEE... I THINK IT'S THIS BUTTON..
ACK!
HUH..? WH-WHAT... OH, HI, BUB. THANKS FOR RE-ACTIVATING ME... WHERE'S HERMAN?
HERMAN MAY BE IN TROUBLE!
S'GOOD TO GET THAT OL' JUICE FLOWING AGAIN... WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I SAID HERMAN MAY BE IN DANGER!
DANGER?! HEY! IT'S STILL MORNING! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
JUST FOLLOW ME! I'LL EXPLAIN ON THE WAY!
GOOD GRIEF!

HA HA HA! WE'RE A PAIR, WE ARE! I FEEL LIKE A DROWNED RAT!
YEAH! I'M SOAKED! :SNIF:
-YOU FEELIN' A DRAFT, HERM?
AW, HECK! IT'S OKAY. I'M FINE! :SNIF:
NO, IT'S NOT OKAY! WE OUGHT TO GET OUT OF THESE WET CLOTHES BEFORE WE BOTH CATCH OUR DEATH OF COLD!
HERE? GEE, I DON'T THINK..
OH, C'MON, SQUIRT! WE CAN LIE IN THE SUN AND DRY OFF...IT'LL BE NICE! WHAT DO YOU SAY?
WE-ELL, OKAY..

THERE! NOW DONCHA FEEL BETTER?
UH, HUH.. S'NICE!


HEE, HEE!
MMMMMMM!
MMMPH! UH!
MMMMMM!


I DON'T GET IT...WHERE THE HECK COULD THEY BE?
WAIT! LISTEN!
I THINK I HEAR A RHUBARB OVER BY THAT TREE! IT'S THEM! I'M SURE OF IT!
OMIGOSH! YOU'RE RIGHT! JUST LISTEN TO THAT PANTING AND MOANING! SHE MUST BE KILLIN' HIM! THERE THEY ARE! I..... OOLP!
WELL, IF THAT DON'T BEAT THE BUSH...WILLYA LOOK AT THAT?
I'M LOOKING, I'M LOOKING!
HERMAN! AND JANET! THEY... THEY'RE, UH...
..I DON'T THINK THEY'RE FIGHTING, DO YOU, BUB?
NO! NO, THEY'RE DEFINITELY NOT FIGHTING! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S GOT, BUT IF WE COULD BOTTLE IT, WE'D MAKE A BUNDLE!
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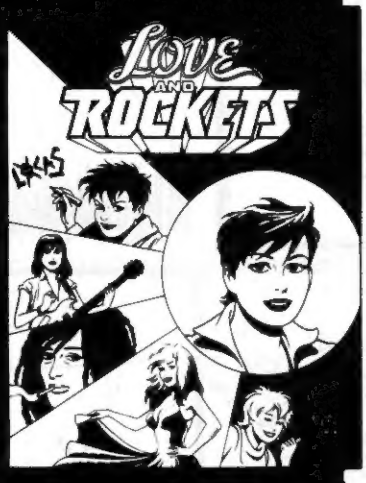

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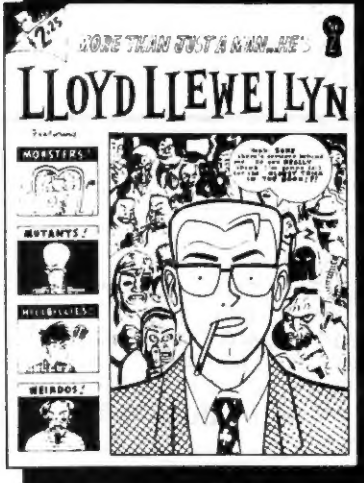

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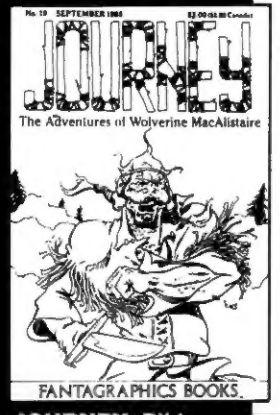

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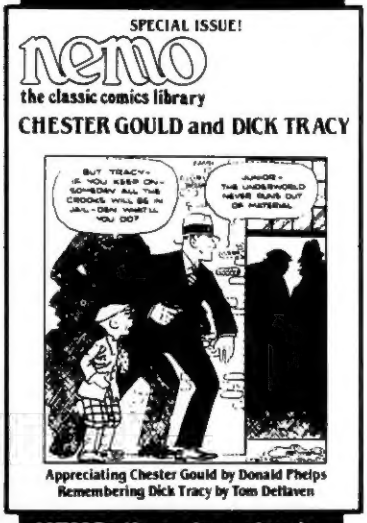

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